

### REMARKS

The new application is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/187,277, filed November 6, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/899,931, filed July 24, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/376,512, filed January 23, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,714,504, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/256,174, filed June 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,693,818.

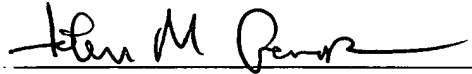
After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the pending claims are original claims 1, 8, 9, 19, 21, 22 and 35-42. Applicants submit that the pending claims of this new continuation application correspond to the pending claims of the parent 09/187,277 application. Specifically, claims 1 and 35 of the new continuation application correspond to the examined claims 1 and 39 of the parent 09/187,277 application. Claims 8, 9, 19, 21, 22 and 36-42 of the new continuation application correspond to the claims which were withdrawn from consideration in the parent 09/187,277 application. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by any of the claim amendments or new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees due in connection with Preliminary Amendment should be charged to  
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